

- 10. Play area/pavilion –**
None
- 11. Common car park & stiles –**
(a) MF reported that council had officially heard that the grant from TOE would be forthcoming and that OCC would contribute the 10% required. The grant was for 5 kissing gates (most to replace existing stiles) and a notice/information board.
RESOLVED – noted
TR proposed that we purchase the recycled plastic notice board, PL seconded.
RESOLVED – all agreed
PL proposed that the medium mobility kissing gates be purchased, TR seconded.
RESOLVED – all agreed
Three quotes had been received for the work putting the gates in. 3 councillors voted for a contractor who did this for a living rather than a local person, MF proposed that the contract be given to whoever could do the work soonest. DC seconded.
RESOLVED - All in favour, SH to contact them. **SH**
(b) MF reported that 2 posts in the car park were damaged. **SH**
RESOLVED – SH to arrange for them to be mended. **SH**
(c) Car park extension – **SH**
Summarised the main points from the village meeting about the car park. Villagers wanted not to extend the car park, but to educate users and make better use of the existing car park. It had been recommended that: (i) the council should consider gaining a license for temporary use of the common as an overflow car park for a few days a year if large events require this, (ii) users be educated – the hire forms should be amended, walking groups be contacted and information should go on the new notice board; the existing car park be altered within the current boundary – SH to arrange a meeting to look at this before May 13th. **SH**
RESOLVED – all agreed **SH**
MF proposed that the car park should not be extended, TR seconded
RESOLVED – all agreed
- 12. Parish Plan –**
The plan had been distributed, ORCC was due to comment on it.
RESOLVED - SH to go through the plan and highlight any actions for parish council **SH**
- 13. Health & Safety –**
MF was concerned about the new step by the village hall play area. She felt this was a trip hazard.
RESOLVED – VM to put a banister rail at both sides of it. **VM**
- 14. Watercress Beds/brook –**
A seat had been purchased in memory of Gerald Smith.

15. Planning -

Planning decisions made between meetings:

- Huntinglands – erection of replacement garage to farmhouse – Granted by SODC
- Hare Hall, Roke - Amendment to extensions applied for previously. GRANTED by SODC
- Potters farm, Old London Rd – Provision of new farm access and a straw storage building. GRANTED BY SODC
- The Old Post Office, amendment to flat – councillors approved
- Master's Flat - Supply and fixing of gusset strengthening plate to a truss member within the roof void, GRANTED by SODC
- 1, Lower End – Erection of conservatory and glasshouse to the rear corner of property and garage extension. GRANTED BY SODC
- Potters Farm – Provision of new farm access and a straw storage building. GRANTD BY SODC

For decision:

(a) Land adjacent to 19 & 24 Hampden Way P09/W0197- Demolition of existing garages and construction of 3 x 2 bedroom houses with access from Hampden Way.

RESOLVED – Council agreed that, although there is a need for a few affordable houses, to recommend refusal of permission because of restricted access and parking issues.

(b) RAF – Provision of a new single storey modular constructed building to accommodate 25 personnel.

RESOLVED – Council felt they should recommend refusal of the permission since they were aggrieved that serving personnel should be expected to live in such factory-like conditions.

16. Correspondence –

Items discussed under relevant sections:

none

Items for discussion at meeting:

None

Postponed to May meeting- Ewelme CC bookings for 2010 and impact of football bookings.

SH

Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:

- (a) OCC – consultation on proposed changes to shelter grants, given to DC
- (b) OCC – temporary road closure
- (c) Green King – Response to Council's letter - continuing negotiations with current tenant is holding up anything proceeding
- (d) Information Commissioner – DVD explaining how to fulfil our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act. Councillors may borrow.

RESOLVED - noted

Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:

SODC – Paperless planning demo. Councillors invited.

OALC - Consultation Draft of the 2009 Review of the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide. Given to VM for comment.

OCC - Invite to Flu Pandemic workshop 27 April. Emailed to councillors.

17. Other issues raised for possible future discussion –

(a) Wallingford Tourist Office had requested a leaflet on Ewelme.

RESOLVED – SH to put on agenda in June.

SH

(b) Chiltern Chase donation request.

RESOLVED – All agreed this should be added to the donations file for later decision. SH to write.

SH

(c) VM had commented (out of the meeting) that the daffodils along Day's Lane were lovely and that he'd organise another bulb planting in the autumn.

RESOLVED – Noted

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 13th May 2009** at 7.30pm, Village Hall